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Winchester celebrates MLK Day of Service on Jan. 15

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The Network for Social Justice and Winchester ABC Chapter invite Winchester community--including students, families with children ages, older adults, and faith groups--to attend the 5th annual MLK

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Winchester Day of Service. This year's event draws its inspiration from the phrase, "A Day On, Not a Day Off," borrowing a quote from Dr. King's widow Coretta Scott King.

On Monday, January 15, 2024 from 10AM-12PM, all are welcome to Winchester High School to engage in a community-wide service project where we come together to reflect on the themes of service, compassion, and kindness. With financial support from Winchester Community Music School and the En Ka Society, this year's Day of Service will feature:

- A children's room in the WHS Media Center with hands-on activities in partnership with Newton-based nonprofit Story Starters, a resource that provides strategies for families and educators to build anti-racist values with young children in developmentally appropriate ways. Beginning at 10:15AM, families can bring their kids, ages 3-10, upstairs for age-segmented read-alouds and art activities rooted in the themes of service and kindness.

- Remarks from Jamele Adams, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Scituate Public Schools at 10:30AM in the WHS Dining Commons

- Book readings by local leaders Mike Day and Jason Lewis beginning at 11:00AM in the WHS Media Center, and

- An all-community service project to benefit the En Ka Pantry, a food pantry specifically for residents of Winchester.

Instead of collecting items in schools, all Day of Service attendees are asked to bring shelf-stable breakfast items, feminine hygiene products, new hats/gloves (for all ages), and new underwear (for all ages/genders) to Winchester High School on the 15th. They will be organized, sor loaded, and delivered to the Pantry throughout the course of the morning.

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In addition to all of this, there will be music and a display of artwork from Winchester elementary students around the themes of activism and kindness. Please join us for this wonderful annual event on Monday, January 15 from 10-12!

Photo above shows last January's event of students sorting donations.

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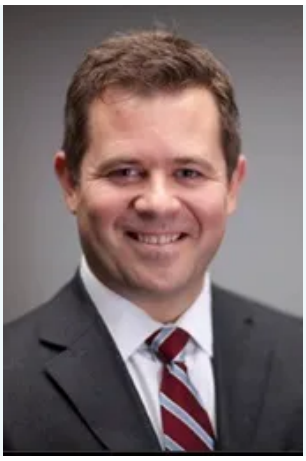

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‘Chicago: Teen Edition’ dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents “Chicago: Teen Edition,” a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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Ripley Chapel in Winchester presents ‘Syldason: You Are Welcome Here’

The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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